

## IN THE ABSTRACT:

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received image data by the recording means in case the transmitting instruction means issues an instruction for transmitting the original when the communication means receives the image data and a memory accumulating operation of the received imaged data by first accumulating means.

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